

## **PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR-IN-TRAINING –**

If you are interested in becoming a land surveyor in Tennessee, the Professional Land Surveyor-in-Training (PLSIT) is the beginning point. PLSIT certification allows you time to obtain additional experience as you move towards licensure as a licensed professional land surveyor. Beginning January 2014, the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) will be offered several times per year. Visit the NCEES web site at [www.ncees.org/cbt](http://www.ncees.org/cbt) for more information. However, you must qualify, and be approved, by the board, to take the exam.

There are three ways to qualify to take the FS exam:

1. Obtain a baccalaureate degree from a surveying or surveying technology curriculum of four (4) or more years, approved by the board;
2. Obtain a baccalaureate degree from a science, engineering or technology curriculum of four (4) or more years related to the practice of land surveying, approved by the board, plus an additional twenty-four (24) semester hours of board-approved coursework in the surveying sciences; or
3. Obtain a baccalaureate degree from a non-surveying-related curriculum of four (4) or more years, approved by the board, plus an additional thirty-six (36) semester hours of board-approved course work in the surveying sciences.

Once you have qualified, been approved and pass the exam, the board will issue you a PLSIT certificate. This certificate is valid indefinitely and allows you the opportunity to obtain the necessary experience needed to later apply for the PLS license.

During the time the PLSIT is working under the supervision of a licensed land surveyor, he or she cannot prepare survey reports or sign or seal surveys.